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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Lorita Ford, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)

Chief Robert Black

Joe Drago

Ed Driesse

Sheriff Ricky Edwards

Heyward Jeffers

Curry Johnson (for Rep. Francis Thompson)

Robert Mehrtens (for Michael Ranatza)

Mickey McMorris

Lt. Col. Robert Morris

Susan Severance

Col. Eric Sivula

Representing Agency:

Division of Administration &

Office of Information Technology

LA Fire Chief's Association

Dept. of Transportation and Development

LA Dept. of Health and Hospitals

LA Sheriff's Association

LA Senate Select Committee on

Homeland Security

LA House of Rep. Special Committee

on LA Homeland Security

LA Commission on Law Enforcement

LA State Police

LA National Guard

Attorney General's Office/OHSEP

Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

Eric Deroche

Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP

Dean Dozier

Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP

Richard Gremillion

Regional Parish Homeland Security

& Emergency Preparedness Directors

Committee/Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP

Col. Kenneth Hughes

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP

Donald Milligan (for S. Wiley-Gremillion)

Region 6 Rapides OHSEP

State/Parish Agency Representatives (Present cont'd):

Sgt. Michael Murphy	Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Chief John Richer	Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
Thomas Thibeaud	Region 9 Washington OHSEP

**Guest List
See Appendix A****Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2007**

On motion of Eric Sivula, seconded by Mike Murphy the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting. One correction was made as follows: Appendix B, Agenda Item No. 1, d. and e. replace LSP with DPS.

Report from National Governor's Association

Committee members that attended the National Governor's Association shared brief comments. Overall, the workshop was provided excellent information and was well organized and attended by all states.

After further discussion, on motion of Sheriff Edwards, seconded by Ken Hughes, the Committee voted unanimously to move one meeting per month to a different region throughout the State to allow input and possibly participation from those regions and local entities.

The committee was informed that Sonya-Wiley Gremillion, representative for Region 6 Rapides OHSEP is willing to host a future meeting in Alexandria. It was suggested that meetings to be held in North Louisiana be scheduled for morning, allowing time for members to drive back home in the afternoon. It was concluded that meetings throughout the state would help others get a better understanding of the purpose and process interoperability.

LANG Turtle/Rover Demonstration

Members of the Louisiana National Guard gave a LANG Turtle/Rover demonstration. The purpose was to demonstrate the capabilities that exist within the Louisiana National Guard to provide near real-time streaming video from an incident site through tactical systems to the internet. Their presentation was outlined as follows:

- Overview
 - System provides a link from aerial and ground based platforms to display live video from those platforms and inject it into a network.
 - This system is currently deployed and being used on the southwest Border Mission.
- Demonstration
 - A LA National Guard helicopter with a targeting pod is flying above Monroe LA. The imagery from the aircraft is received by a ground system and transmitted to a satellite uplink system. That signal is pushed through a media server at Camp Beauregard to the internet. The video is displayed through MS Media Player at this location.
- Coordination
 - Aircraft and ground stations coordination through the 800MHz Statewide system.

Assessment & Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Robert Black informed the committee of a news report regarding problems with PASS devices used by firefighters. The newer versions they came up with is a totally electronic device that will eliminate the mechanical device. The international fire chief assigned a steering committee to look into the problem to see if this was an isolated incident or is it something that could be a nationwide problem.

The group further discussed a recommendation from Chief Black to have the April 11th meeting of the SIEC in Gonzales during the Fire Chief's Association. On motion of Sheriff Ricky Edwards, seconded by Ken Hughes the Committee voted to hold the April 11th meeting at the Holiday Inn Gonzales. Motion carried.

Finance and Funding Sub-Committee

Heyward Jeffers, Chair for the Finance and Funding Sub-committee commented that financial actions at this time would be premature due to the upcoming session. Discussions included: amendments that may be made to House Bill 1, development of a white paper, the short term plan for statewide interoperability and location of mobile trailers.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

Major Benjamin Burgoyne stated that the next whiteboard session would focus on the location of IP gateways and operating procedures. The possibility of presenting live demonstrations of the mobile trailers at future meetings was also raised.

Old Business

At the request of Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, Eric Deroche reported that MyStateUSA had contacted her to do a site survey. However, information shared at the meeting was contradictory to what actually happen when the site survey was given. She wanted the Committee to be aware of what happened in Rapides Parish and if concerns should be addressed with GOHSEP or MyStateUSA. Rizwan will make contact for clarification.

New Business

A motion was made by Susan Severance, in the future presenters before the Committee be provided a disclaimer that anything they present is not endorsed by SIEC and a copy of whatever they present shall be provided to the SIEC as part of its permanent record of meetings. Motion died.

A substitute motion was made by Mike Murphy, seconded by Mickey McMorris to prohibit future vendor presentations at general meetings of the SIEC. Motion passed. However, vendor presentations may be made through the technology sub-committee and when necessary recommendations can be made to the full SIEC.

A tech planning committee was established. Those members include:

Dick Gremillion	Eric DeRoche
Mike Murphy	Ken Hughes
Mickey McMorris	Richard Silverman

On motion made by Chief Black, seconded by Ken Hughes, the Committee voted to revise the SIEC meeting schedule as follows:

April 11, 2007 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Gonzales.

May 9, 2007 meeting will be cancelled due to statewide hurricane drill.

June 13, 2007 meeting will be held in Monroe (Region 8) at 10:30 a.m.

Special Presentations

There were no special presentations.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:35 p.m.

**APPENDIX A
GUEST LIST
March 28, 2007**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Brett Brock	CISCO
Christina Dayries	LA State Police
Bob LaRose	Raytheon/JPS
Paul Singh	E F Johnson
Robert Hale	LSU Police
Richard Silverman	DEQ
Jason Brown	LSU Police
Andrew Muhl	Governor's Office
MAJ Benjamin Burgoyne	LANG, SIEC
CPT Vandra Fields	LANG, SIEC
SGT Bryan Guillory	LANG, SIEC
MG Landreneau	LANG
MAJ Kazmicuzak	LANG
COL Owen Mowconduit	LANG
LTC Tom Plunkett	LANG
GEN Veillon	LANG
COL R. Johnson	LANG
CSM Morrow	LANG